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FM AMEMBASSY SOFIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8070

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INFO AMEMBASSY ATHENS

AMEMBEESEY VIENNA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, BU, GR; ATRN

SUBJECT: U.S. EXHIBITION PLOVDIV FREIGHT MOVEMENT

USIA FOR ICS/ED PAUL

USDOC FOR KARAMARIC

VIENNA FOR EWTC AND REX

REF: STATE 109823

1. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS USE OF PORT OF PIRAEUS WHICH NOW BEING USED FOR ALL OFFICIAL, HHE AND POV SHIPMENTS TO SOFIA. WE HAVE NO EXPERIENCE WITH IMPORTS THROUGH YUGOSLAVIA AND ABSENCE OF U.S. REPRESENTATION AT YUGOSLAV PORTS OF ENTRY LEADS US TO DOUBT FEASIBILITY OF SCHEME.

2. COMMERCIAL EXHIBITORS WISHING TO MINIMIZE SHIPPING COSTS ON LARGE SHIPMENTS BY SHIPPING THROUGH THESSALONIKI SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT EMBASSY LAST YEAR FOUND THIS ROUTE UNSATISFACTORY. SHIPMENTS DESTINED FOR THESSALONIKI WERE FREQUENTLY DELAYED AND ON ONE OCCASION LOST COMPLETELY IN TRANSSHIPMENT AT PIRAEUS AND AGAIN AT THESSALONIKI WHERE COMMERCIAL FORWARDING AGENTS WERE OVERWHELMED BY PLOVDIV FAIR SHIPMENTS. BULGARIAN DESPREDD OFFICE IN THESSALONIKI IS STILL NOT FUNCTIONING.

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3. SHIPMENTS, WHETHER COMMERCIAL OR UNDER AUSPICES OF  
U.S. GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE CONSIGNED TO ANY FREIGHT  
FORWARDER RECOMMENDED BY AMEMBASSY ATHENS. IN ALL  
CASES ULTIMATE CONSIGNEE MUST BE STATE ENTERPRISE  
DESPRED PLOVDIV NOT RPT NOT SOFIA AND NOT U.S.  
EMBASSY SOFIA. EMBASSY SOFIA WILL, HOWEVER,  
NEED COPIES OF B/L'S FOR MONITORING AND ADVICE PURPOSES.

4. LEAD TIME FROM CROSSING GREEK/BULGARIAN BORDER  
VIA TRUCK WOULD LIKELY BE ONE DAY OF DRIVING. RAIL  
MOVEMENTS, WHEREAS LESS EXPENSIVE, SUFFER UNPREDICTABLE  
AND INORDINATE DELAYS.  
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